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Dr. Abdul Zehraoui, Director of Operations Department of Utilities, City of East Chicago 5200 Indianapolis Blvd. East Chicago, IN 46312

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Ms. Mary Hollingsworth, Chief Drinking Water Branch Office of Water Indiana Department of Environmental Management 100 N Senate Ave IGCN 1201 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Technical Support

Dear Dr. Zehraoui and Ms. Hollingsworth:

As a follow-up to the meeting of City, State, and federal officials in East Chicago on April 19th, and in response the City's express request for support, I would like to propose a meeting of appropriate representatives from US EPA's Region 5 Water Division, the City's Utilities Department, and IDEM's Office of Water Quality/Drinking Water Branch. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss technical issues relating to the City's provision of drinking water (e.g., water sampling issues, LSL replacement issues) on which the City is seeking technical support.

I would be happy to host the meeting here in our office in Chicago, and I would also be happy to personally facilitate the discussion in order to make sure that: 1) the issues on which the City is seeking technical support are covered; and 2) that all three parties are clearly communicating with each other on drinking water-related issues in the City of East Chicago.

I would like to suggest that we meet the first week or second week of May. If you could please provide some dates and times when you would be available to meet, it would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Christopher Korleski Director, Water Division

cc: Greg Crowley, Crowley Engineering

Martha Clark Mettler, IDEM